

STATE NEWS.

dream of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

The Masonic Grand Lodge met at Charlotte.

Capt. I. N. Link has been elected Mayor of Durham.

The Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., met at Goldsboro last week.

Eggs are selling at five cents a dozen in many North Carolina towns.

Rev. James B. Long died near Chatham a few days ago, aged seventy-nine years.

Fire at Morehead City, May 8th, destroyed D. B. Bell's warehouse and seven buildings. Loss \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.

Hammond and Justice, hardware dealers, Charlotte, have assigned. Liabilities about \$15,000.

Fifty-three negroes were baptized in a creek near Salisbury a few days ago, all being converted during a recent revival.

Congressman Bower has recommended Editor Robertson, of the North Wilkesboro News, for postmaster in that town.

A negro boy at Statesville recently stole \$75 in bills and then, fearing detection, burned the money up. He is now in jail.

Two unknown negroes outraged a white girl in Pamlico county, Tuesday, during the parents' absence. A posse is after them.

Mr. H. W. Lilly, of Fayetteville, has bought the Green Hill Cotton Mill at Mt. Airy, and J. H. Sparger the Mt. Airy, Wooten Mill.

Two Asheville butchers, Sherman and McIntire, have been sentenced to one year on the county roads for libeling another butcher.

C. H. Fletcher, a New Bern bar-keeper, who had been on a debauch, committed suicide Wednesday morning, by taking morphine.

A New Bern bull dog bit a policeman on a street there one day last week. The policeman was not asleep after the biting was done.

Mr. John A. Leach says he has the best cotton in the lower end of Richmond county. Five leaves to the stalk, says the Laurinburg Exchange.

Smithfield Herald: It is estimated that only about two-thirds the amount of cotton is planted in Johnston county this year that was planted last.

A swarm of bees pitched into Mr. J. Hicks Dunning's drug store yesterday and for a while kept the force lively in smoking 'em out, says the Wilmington Star.

One of the World's Fair judges writes Mr. Robinson, Commissioner of Agriculture, that North Carolina ranked sixth as to agricultural exhibits.

Paw Creek, Mecklenburg county, has a monstrosity in the shape of a calf which has no hair on its body, has no eyes, and its skin is hard and cracked.

In many sections of the country corn is being plowed, and farmers say except the dry weather, they never saw better times for crops getting an early start at growing.

An issue of 5,000 copies of a well prepared and illustrated handbook of Raleigh will be made in a few days. It was prepared by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Populists of Cleveland and Gaston counties will hold their township meetings Saturday. Cleveland county convention will be held Saturday, May 19th, says the Shelby Aurora.

Ripe old field strawberries were put on the market to day by the army of gatherers who glean the fields every year. They now sell at 10 cents per quart, says the Charlotte News.

The Columbian Mining Co., will start their fine Crawford Mills in a few days, turning out the yellow gold bugs. Their capacity will be 50 tons of ore per day, says the Carthage Blade.

Rezekiah Cook, colored, postmaster at Oberlin, a town near Raleigh, is in jail, charged with making false returns as to stamps sold, and using stamps in the purchase of merchandise.

Col. J. S. Carr had his ten Shropshire ewes sheared yesterday, and got from seven and a half to ten pounds of wool from each. These imported sheep are of the finest breed, says the Durham Globe.

Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, is evidently the cheapest place to live. The poll tax is 30 cents; the mayor's salary is \$5 a year; the fines for last year were \$1; and there is in the treasury \$12.

Crooked canal is being cleaned out. The collection of moss in the canal is so great as to impede the flow of the water. Mild winters always cause this growth of moss, says the Tarboro Southern.

Perhaps the oldest man in Sampson county is Mr. Payton Rackley, of Turkey township. He is now nearly ninety years of age. M. Rackley is by profession a wheelwright and yet works as his trade.

Mr. Geo. N. Ives received a telegram yesterday stating that members of the United States Fish Commission would be down to night with 400,000 young fish to put in Neuse river, says the New Bern Journal.

Mr. Sam Grimes' farm near town, and his long broken last week, by fall- ing out of a broad cart. The horse ran and broke the cart, says the Salisbury Southern.

A special to the Asheville Citizen states that Deputy Sheriff Henco Roca of Madison county, was shot from the back on the Bear Creek road, in that county, on his way home. He was instantly killed. George Roberts had his brother, between whom and Roberts there existed a feud, are miss-

The little daughter of Mr. S. A. Yandle, of Vance township, who was burned about five weeks ago, died on the 1st inst. Death was indeed sweet relief to her. For four weeks she suffered the greatest agony.

Judge Whitaker pleased the Stokes people greatly, according to the Danbury Reporter. He pushed business right ahead, filled the jail with offenders, and was as pleasant as the mountain breeze to everybody.

Two Mormon Elders passed through town Saturday, on their way to Greensboro, N. C. They had a meeting at Philadelphia, a small place about four miles east of Yanceyville, the night before, says the Caswell News.

Mrs. Jane Clark, of Cannonville, went across the street to see a sick neighbor one day last week, and during her absence from home some one stole her clock and several other household articles, says the Concord Times.

Raleigh Press: Mr. Billyew, our most prominent grape grower, informs us that his crop promises to turn out much better than he expected a few weeks since. He says that the Delaware variety, especially will be a fair yield.

Last Friday night, Mrs. Summey Ramseur's barn in No. Three township, near the York county line, was destroyed by fire. The barn, forage and contents were consumed; the loss is about \$300; no insurance, says the Shelby Aurora.

Greensboro Christian Advocate. The Weaverville College has enrolled 240. They are full. They must have room.

A wonderful revival has been going on in Highlands during the last ten days, resulting in perhaps over forty conversions.

The residence of William Williams, at Fayetteville, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Williams, who had carried his fire insurance for the past thirty years, by an oversight, allowed his policy to expire the day before the fire occurred.

A howitzer has been shipped to Raleigh by the New Bern division of the Naval Reserves, and with it the salutes will be fired every half hour during May 23d, in the Capitol square, quite near the Confederate monument, says the New Bern Journal.

By this time it seems that every citizen of Louisburg should know that it is a violation of law for horses, cows or cattle of any kind to run at large or to be hitched for grazing purposes on the streets. Yet this law is violated, says the Franklin Times.

Wm. Breed, boss of the rock quarry at Mooresville, and George Watt, a colored workman, were blown up by the premature discharge of a blast, yesterday. If Mr. Breed recovers, he will be blind. The negro is in a critical condition also, says the Charlotte News.

On last Thursday, Mr. Roscoe Latta while running a hand planer at the Novelty shops, had the misfortune to get the ends of two fingers cut off. He is doing well. That makes the third man who got fingers cut off with that machine, says the Hickory Mercury.

Winston Sentinel: During the month of April the city court was a source of considerable revenue to the city. The total fines and costs for the month amounted to \$1,010.10. There were 103 cases found guilty and 14 dismissed. The average fine per case was \$9.80.

The Populists of Forsyth are opposed to fusion with the Republicans. Several who were here yesterday were questioned on the subject. Without exception they spoke adversely to joining hand with the Republican or any other party, says the Winston Sentinel.

The Lenoir Topic says: The thieves are getting in some of their work now. Last week in Mulberry some one stole Mr. C. D. Puett's house and stole a pair of shoes and a rubber overcoat and other things, but there is no clue as to who it was. Up on John's River they have also been thieving.

Mr. J. F. Smith of Morven township, Anson county, shot his brother in law, T. B. Sellers, a few days ago. The coroner's jury say in the verdict that the shooting was done "under such aggravating circumstances as to render said Smith inculpable," but the circumstances have not been made public yet.

Gibson Headlight: Deputy collector W. F. Gibson returned home from a raid last Saturday night. Mr. Gibson and his men were fired at by a party of distillers, at Columbus, N. C., hitting one of his men in the breast. The man turned and fired on the distiller hitting him in the eye and putting it out.

Mrs. Williams, living near Statesville, in an insane moment committed suicide by shooting herself with a pistol. A young married man named Charles Ayres, living in the same neighborhood, also attempted to kill himself by taking laudanum. But it was discovered that he had taken the poison in time to save his life.

The first church used by the Presbyterians of Concord as described by Mr. Allison at the anniversary meeting, was a log house, with three doors, 12 corners and windows with shutters but no sash. Some folks whose curiosity always wants to know everything, would like to see a plan of the house with 12 corners.

The premises of Mr. E. C. Woodberry and Mr. Peter Smith, on Fourth street, were raided by chicken thieves Sunday morning about 4 o'clock. They first entered the premises of Mr. Woodberry and killed his dog, and then invaded Mr. Peter Smith's yard, taking from his hen house nine choice Leghorns, says the Wilmington Star.

It is a misdemeanor to export from the State any quail or partridges, whether dead or alive, also to take or destroy their eggs, and the same shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 and imprisonment not exceeding thirty days. There is no inducement now for exporting partridges from the State; but the season for nesting will soon be here, and then the egg hunter will be on hand. The penalty for robbing the nests of partridges is sufficiently heavy, if enforced, to protect the birds.

Rev. D. M. Austin, of this city, is ripening into a first class stock raiser. He now has about one hundred very fine animals on his farm just south of the city. He says he can make his land pay better by raising clover and cows than he can by raising cotton, says the Charlotte News.

Considerable hail fell in the vicinity of Union Ridge last Saturday evening. Some of the hailstones were so large that they broke out window lights, but crops not damaged to any extent. In this section wheat is looking well, but oats are being damaged by the louse, says the Graham Gleaner.

On last Saturday afternoon, during the electrical storm here, Raymond, the seven year old son of Mr. J. W. Austin, was standing in the yard and was struck by lightning. For awhile it was thought that the little fellow was killed but he regained consciousness in an hour or two and is all right now, says the Monroe Enquirer.

Lumberton Robesonian: We regret to learn that Lieutenant Edgar Hall, of Lumber Bridge Light Infantry, was seriously, if not fatally, injured by being thrown from his buggy by a runaway mule, while returning home from drill last Saturday afternoon. At last accounts he was conscious and hopes of his recovery were entertained.

Tuesday afternoon Lawson, the eight year old son of Mr. Thomas Craig, near Begonia, was kicked on the neck by a mule and killed almost instantly. The mule, it seems, had been turned out to pasture, and as the little boy went too near, attempting probably to bridle him, the mule kicked, striking him with result above mentioned, says the Gastonia Gazette.

Rutherford Herald: We are informed that two negroes attacked a chicken peddler between Weaverville and Asheville one day the past week, knocking him senseless and robbing him of \$85. He regained consciousness and proceeded to Asheville where he reported the matter to the police, who soon captured the cowardly brutes and landed them in jail.

Mr. C. M. Robertson, an estimable farmer, was struck by lightning and killed while going from his field to his house, about two miles above Leaks-ville, last Saturday evening. Only a few days before a little child of Mr. William Bateman, near Leaksville, was killed by lightning and other members of the family severely shocked, says Webster's Weekly.

Frank Johnson, aged about 17 years, was arrested at Burlington last Thursday morning and committed to jail. He had stolen a gold watch and chain from Wesley Warren, of Corbett, Caswell county, who camped at Haw River. Wednesday night, Johnson sold the chain here and he had offered the watch for five dollars, but had the watch when he was arrested, says the Graham Gleaner.

Joe, Peck, colored, was arrested this morning on the charge of trying to sell six fine stolen hams to Cromer Bros. After he had been placed in jail Peck told all about the theft. He said a negro named Geo. Hall stole the meat from a Mrs. Young, living three miles this side of Lexington. Peck hired a horse and buggy in Lexington and brought the meat to Winston, says the Winston Sentinel.

Some thief entered the Alliance store here last Saturday night by breaking out the glass in one of the front windows. Nothing was missed but a plug of tobacco and a piece of meat. Blood was found in the store and it is supposed he was cut by the glass while entering. He was probably frightened away before he got his supply or he is a very honest thief, says the Sanford Express.

North Wilkesboro News: Wilkes county has a notable citizen in the person of Mr. William Harrell, who lives near Dockery. He is now 90 years old and is the father of 19 children, 18 of whom are living. For 26 years, and until a few months ago, he walked and carried the mail from Wilkesboro to Mouth of Wilson, Va., a distance of 104 miles in 48 hours. He has never known what it was to be sick until a short while ago.

Hickory Press and Carolinian: It is miraculous that the huge piece of iron (part of the boiler of the foundry and machine shop which blew up a few weeks ago here in Hickory) did not kill some one or do a great damage. Had the huge piece of iron struck a house it would have shattered it. The iron was hurled from one square across another square (two streets and the railroad side track and all) and nearly across another square.

Burlington News: There need no longer be any doubt about 1894 being a lost year, as they are coming out all about town, and their sheds and holes can be found in various places. They have not begun to sing yet. By the way, since their last advent a new enemy has sprung up, the English sparrow, and it is fine sport for the pugnacious little bird to eat them before they can take care of themselves. Even after they can fly the sparrow will chase them down.

The Raleigh Aldermen have enacted the following ordinance. "No person under 21 years of shall enter any bar room situated in the city of Raleigh, and in which spirituous or vinous or malt liquors are kept for sale. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined \$10; provided, this ordinance shall not apply to any minor who is married nor any minor entering such bar room as the agent or servant of the parent or guardian."

Winston Sentinel: Alex. Rose, the Alleghany county lyncher, who has been confined in the Forsyth county prison for several months past, has been set at liberty. It will be remembered that he recently turned State's evidence and his bond has just been approved by Solicitor Barber. Notice for his liberation was received yesterday morning by jailor Ziglar. Rose left the city this morning via the Wilkesboro road, going towards his old home. He told a Sentinel reporter that he was going to Texas.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Sparks from the Wires—Most Important Events Throughout the World for a Week.

Bud Kaxon, a notorious moonshiner in Pickett county, Tenn., was killed by his two sons.

The health officers of the District of Columbia have condemned the Coxeys camp, and it will be ordered vacated.

The Ashland Iron Company of Baltimore county, has applied for a receiver to wind up its affairs. The company is capitalized at \$300,000.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 9.—S. Hen- lth & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in tobacco and cigars, assigned this morning to Chas. Frankland.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., May 9.—Schuster & Co., wholesale clothiers of this city, assigned this morning. Their liabilities amount to half a million dollars.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 9.—Four workmen of the Coke plant here were beaten by strikers. One of the men is injured fatally. The deputies fired twenty-five shots but hit nobody. The strikers, however, quickly dispersed.

NEW YORK, May 9.—An immense fire is raging here at the Clyde steam- ship docks. It started with an explosion of naphtha. Shipping is imperiled. The adjoining ferry houses have already been burned. The loss will be large. Great excitement is caused by the fire.

VIENNA, May 9.—The miners' strike at Olmutz, Moravia, is spreading rapidly. There are over 3,000 men out, and the number is being added to hourly. The strikers have assumed a menacing attitude, and rioting is imminent. Two battalions of soldiers are stationed at Olmutz in readiness to quell any disorder that may arise.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 8.—It is reported here that J. C. Thompson, Cashier of the ruined First National Bank of this city, is an absconder and a forger to a large amount, and that a warrant has been issued for his arrest. Mr. Thompson left here last Friday for St. Louis. At the latter city, it is reported, he bought a ticket for Washington, since which time nothing has been heard of him.

ANOTHER WAY TO PREVENT "CUTS."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—A special from Knoxville, Tenn., says: Attor- neys for the employees of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Rail- road system filed in the United States Circuit Court here to day a bill restraining the receivers of the road from re- ducing salaries 10 per cent., as was an- nounced for May 1st. The case will be heard before Judge Lurton in Cin- cinnati May 15th.

NOW SUES FOR THIRTY YEARS' BOARD.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 9.—Ernestine Dittmar claims that in October, 1860, Ludwig Carlvolbrecht came to her house as a boarder, and promised to pay a reasonable sum for his board. She went before the circuit court here and declared that Ludwig had never paid a cent, although he has lived in her house during this long time. She claims that it cost her \$150 a year to keep Ludwig in food, and she sues for thirty years' board, amounting to \$5,282, which includes interest and costs.

EARTHQUAKE IN VENEZUELA.

Two Cities and Several Villages De- stroyed—Assistance Asked For

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The text of the cable message in regard to the earthquake in Venezuela received at the State Department to day from Mr. Dartleman, the charge d'affaires of the United States legation at Caracas, was as follows:

"Earthquake on the 28th of April de- stroyed the cities of Egidio and Merida and several villages. Loss of life said to be heavy. Assistance would be ap- preciated."

TRAMPS WITH REVOLVER.

The Police Persuaded to Allow Them to Ride Unmolested.

CINCINNATI, O., May 9.—The Cleve- land passenger express on the Balti- more and Ohio Southeastern Railroad, leaving Cincinnati at 8 o'clock, was held up near Wyoming last night by about twenty tramps. The train crew drove the intruders off, but as soon as the train started they boarded it again. The trainmen notified the Lockland police, and stopped the train just out- side of that town. The police were about to make an attack when the tramps brandished revolvers and clubs. The terrified passengers asked the police to make no attempt to drive off the tramps, and the train proceeded with the unmolested hobos.

STRANDED BY THE STRIKE.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Road Fast Re- ducing Its Working Force.

ASHLAND, Ky., May 9.—Owing to the continued Kanawha strike and the great falling off in business the Ches- apeake and Ohio Road has cut off twenty telegraph offices on their local divi- sions, Lexington, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Big Sandy. The train men, section men, office men and all of the carpen- ters, bridge and painting crews will be suspended until business picks up. Fully 250 will be thrown out of work. In three days on the Lexington division but one freight train has been run.

FATAL RIOT AT CONNELLSVILLE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., May 9.—The Hill Farm plant was fired up at three o'clock this morning with a large force of men under a strong guard of de- puties. About five o'clock everything was quiet and the deputies left the works.

A few minutes later the strikers were ar- mired with clubs, stones and coke forks. They quietly advanced under cover of the darkness, and the men at work did not see them until close at hand. Most of them fled for their lives.

Victor Harburg and three other men were surrounded by the strikers. They attempted to defend themselves but were knocked senseless and almost beaten to death.

The sharp report of a Winchester an- nounced the approach of the deputies, and the mob fled in every direction, closely followed by the deputies, who fired repeatedly. Several were wounded but none captured.

PENNSYLVANIA SHOPS CLOSED.

ALTOONA, Penn., May 9.—An order taking effect at once has been issued to the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at this place to work only four days a week, nine hours, each of these days. It affects 7,000 men and paralyzes business to a great ex- tent in this city. The depression is at- tributed to the present coal strike.

TREASURER ARCHER PARDONED

After Serving Nearly Four of His Five Years' Sentence.

BALTIMORE, May 9.—Ex State Treas- urer Stevenson Archer was pardoned out of the State penitentiary this after- noon. He had been confined there since July, 1890, under a five-year sen- tence, for robbing the State Treasury of \$133,000.

Archer attempted to commit suicide at his home in Hartford county when his defalcation was made public. His downfall was one of the most sensa- tional occurrences in the history of the State. No man within the confines of Maryland was more popular or trusted further. He had been a political leader for years, and held many high offices, being Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee when proved a defaulter.

WHEAT AT ITS LOWEST POINT.

The Smallest Price in the History of the Trade in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 8.—The steady depre- ciation in the prices of wheat resulted in the cereal touching the lowest point in the history of the trade to day—56¢ cents for May and 58¢ cents for July.

There was no excitement accompany- ing the decline, and at the bottom the market showed recuperative powers, rallying and closing three eighths of a cent above the low point.

The causes leading up to the weak- ness and depression have been long drawn out. Foreign markets have been liberally supplied by other coun- tries, and have all shown lower values; the crop prospects have been unsur- passed, and notwithstanding degra- tory reports are expected to yield bountifully. The sentiment seems to be in favor of a lower standard.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 8.—Rates on wheat to Buffalo broke to 2 cents a bushel to day, tonnage being offered freely at that figure. Last year when wheat rates were 1½ cents fuel was sell- ing at \$2 a ton, and west bound car- goes were obtainable at 40 cents a ton. This year there is practically no west- bound shipments, and fuel coal on Lake Erie is hard to get at \$4 a ton.

THE INDIAN SOLDIER A FAILURE

Fort Omaha's Contingent Celebrated Their Release by Getting Drunk.

OMAHA, Neb., May 9.—The Indian company of United States soldiers at Fort Omaha, which has attracted so much attention as an experiment in civilizing the red man, is now a thing of the past. The soldiers have been formally discharged, and the experiment is considered a failure. But two Indian soldiers remain at the fort, and they have asked for their discharge and will start for home in about three weeks.

Monday being pay day, the Indians received their discharge about noon and were paid off. Their first move was to strike for town and buy spring suits of citizens' clothes, ranging in price from \$2 to \$7. Some bought parasols and calico to take to their squaws. Some bought two dollar watches; nearly all got bright new and red valises, and all purchased revolvers and from one to six bottles of whiskey. They all got drunk and some of them returned to the post and made night hideous by shouting and firing off revolvers, while others spent the night down town. Many drunken Indians were locked in the guard house at the fort. One of them drew his revolver on a guard, but was arrested before he did any harm.

They had bought tickets before going to town and left over the Elkhorn yesterday for the reservation at Pine Ridge.

NOW ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED TREASON.

A Mob of Roumanians Held in Check by Hungarian Troops.

BUDA PESTH, May 8.—The opening of the trial on a charge of treason of twenty-three members of the Execu- tive Committee of the Roumanian Na- tional Party in Hungary at Klausen- burg yesterday was attended with great excitement. The indictment against the men on trial charges them with causing the publication of a doc- ument in several languages, and widely distributing the same, denouncing the Act of Union of Austria and Hungary. The circular also declares that the union of Transylvania with Hungary unjustly deprived the former of its autonomy.

The beginning of the trial of these men was made the occasion of a mon- ster demonstration of sympathy, which the troops are having difficulty in sup- pressing. Thirty thousand Roumanians assembled outside the town yesterday awaiting the word from their leaders to march in to the town and protest against the prosecution of their com- patriots. Three squadrons of hussars and three regiments of infantry were assigned to positions where they could guard all roads which would give the assemblage access to the town, and the Roumanians were commanded to dis- perse. This command was not obeyed, but, as the crowds made no attempt to enter the town, they were not fired upon. The Roumanians still hold their

position, and the troops are still guard- ing the roads. It is expected that serious trouble will occur before the Rou- manians are dispersed.

Last evening thousands of persons sympathizing with the men on trial marched through the streets of Klausen- burg, singing patriotic songs, hoot- ing, howling, and smashing windows, until the police succeeded in scattering them, which was no easy matter.

WRECKED THE BANK.

Cashier Thompson, of the First National, of Sedalia, Mo., Still Missing.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 8.—The cashier of the failed First National Bank, of this city, J. C. Thompson, is still missing. He left here last Friday, he was going to Washington, but a telegram was re- ceived to day from Representative Heard, who said he was not in the Capitol. Warrants have been sworn out for Thompson's arrest, charging him with embezzlement, false book- keeping, and making false report to the Comptroller of the Currency. It is generally believed here that the insti- tution has been systematically and thoroughly robbed.

The First National Bank of Jefferson City has levied on the real estate and personal property of the missing cashier. The Boone County Bank of Columbia has levied on the property of President Cyrus Newkirk for \$160,000, and Charles Richardson, of Jackson county, has levied on the same property for \$8,000. Bank Examiner Latimer, who is here, has ordered an attachment on B. S. Rembaugh's mill property for \$26,000. It is understood that a num- ber of attachments will be issued on the property of people who owe the bank. President Newkirk is lying critically ill, as the result of the failure. Cashier Thompson's wife is also seri- ously ill.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIQUOR LAW VALID.

State Supreme Court Decides that Towns Cannot Issue Licenses.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 8.—The State Supreme Court has decided that prohi- bition is in force in this State. The decision came about on two cases from Florence—one an injunction asking that the City Council of Florence be restrained from issuing licenses for the sale of whiskey; the other a habeas corpus proceeding for the release of C. Ellis Brunson, who had been arrested in the same city for selling whiskey, and who was alleged to be in custody.

The object of the proceedings was to determine the status of affairs in this State and to defeat the dispensary law of 1893.

The court in its decision does not touch the dispensary law of 1893, but decides that under the law as it now stands there is no authority vested with the power to grant licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors within the State, and hence the action of the City Council of Florence in granting licenses would be ultra vires and void. The in- junction asked for is granted.

In the habeas corpus case the court orders that Brunson be proceeded against for violation of the law. The saloons have not yet closed here, and it is not known what course they will adopt. One of the prohibition leaders says that prosecutions will be entered against all violators. Gov. Tillman has not yet given an opinion on the decision, and has not said what the course of the State will be.

ACQUITTED OF LYNCHING.

The Men Charged with the Taking Off of Redmond Found "Not Guilty."

SMITHVILLE, Va., May 9.—A. T. Har- rison, Wm. Hamilton, and a negro, Toney Elam, who were indicted last December by the grand jury for the murder of A. W. C. Redmond by lynch- ing, near Drake's Branch last October, were put on trial in the county court, and at a late hour last night the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty." The prisoners were able to defend by Wood Bouldin, Jr., of Halifax county, and W. C. Carrington, of this place. The Commonwealth was represented by Thos. E. Watkins, Commonwealth's Attorney.

Major Peter J. Otey, of Lynchburg, a candidate for Congress in this district, was here looking after his interests. He has a strong following in this county.

The regular county court commenced here on Monday. Judge Berryman Green presiding. As it was license-day a good sized crowd was in attendance. Only twelve liquor licenses were issued in the whole county. The case of Allen Ferrell for jail breaking last year, was tried, and the prisoner sentenced to six months in county jail.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Lieut. Bostwick to be Tried for Drunken- ness—Our Battle Ships.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Orders were issued to-day at the Navy Depart- ment for the trial of Lieut. Edward D. Bost- wick, of the United States steamer Ranger, on the charge of drunkenness. The court will meet at Mare Island, Cal., on Friday next. Its members will be Captains Howison and C. S. Cotton, Commanders R. H. McCalla, H. E. Nichols and O. W. Farnhalt, Major R. C.